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To Whom It May Concern:

My name is Lynn Zaffino and I am the Director of the Easton Public Library. I am writing on behalf of all libraries in Connecticut regarding the unfair terms and prices set by publishers of electronic books and digital audiobooks.

Easton is a small community of approximately 7,500 people, and my Library's digital resources budget for an entire year is only \$26,000. This includes all digital content, including online newspapers and magazines, database subscriptions, streaming movies and music, and electronic books and digital audiobooks.

With the unreasonably high prices that libraries are forced to pay for these materials, my small budget doesn't go very far. And when the lease runs out, if it's a popular title and we want to keep it, we have to pay for it all over again.

I support HB 6829 AN ACT PROHIBITING ELECTRONIC BOOK AND DIGITAL AUDIOBOOK LICENSE AGREEMENTS OR CONTRACTS FROM INCLUDING CERTAIN TERMS. This bill would provide the access and equity that the public deserves.

Sincerely,

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